

Motor Vehicle Registration Reporting

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State motor vehicle registrations

- State reported on form FHWA-561
- Number of vehicles registered for highway use by vehicle type:
 - Automobiles
 - Buses
 - Trucks
 - Motorcycles
- Tabulated and published in *Highway Statistics* MV tables

SECTION I - REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, ETC., CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

TYPE OF VEHICLE	Total license tags sold or issued	ADJUSTMENTS			Net licenses sold for private and commercial vehicles	Active Registrations
		Transfer tags or reregistrations	Nonresident tags	Official vehicles State, county, and municipal		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
A. Personal Passenger vehicles:						
1. Automobiles					0	
B. Buses:						
1. Commercial					0	
2. School and other					0	
3. Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Trucks:						
1. Light Trucks - 4,500 kilograms or less GVW (other than farm)						
(a) Pickups					0	
(b) Vans					0	
(c) Sport Utilities					0	
(d) Other Light					0	
(e) Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Heavy single-unit - over 4,500 kilograms GVW (other than farm)					0	
3. Farm:						
(a) Single unit (optional)					0	
(b) Truck tractors (optional)					0	
(c) Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Truck Tractors (other than farm)					0	
5. Motorhomes					0	
6. Total (1. through 5.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Total passenger vehicles and trucks (A + B + C)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Reporting vehicle registrations

- Transactions vs. snapshot (active registrations)
- Multi-year registrations
- Reporting month (fiscal year, calendar year)

Submittal process



Reporting issues

- Omitting active registrations
- Inconsistent vehicle definitions. States define types of vehicles differently. For example, some states register light trucks by weight rather than by type.
- Interstate transfers and re-registrations are hard to track.
- Multi-year registration cycles. Some states offer annual and multi-year registration options.

A Guide to Reporting Highway Statistics
[fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/guide.htm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/guide.htm)

Questions?

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